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**PATENT**  
**450101-03243**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Tetsujiro KONDO, et al.  
 Serial No. : 10/048,103  
 For : IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, COMMUNICATION APPARATUS,  
 COMMUNICATION SYSTEM AND METHOD, AND RECORDED MEDIUM  
 Filed : May 31, 2002  
 Examiner : Amir Alavi  
 Art Unit : 2621

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

**Claims as Amended**

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	18	Minus	* =24	* 0 x	\$50 (25)	= \$ 0
Independent claims	8	Minus	* =9	* 0 x	\$200 (100)	= \$ 0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 0

- \* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.  
 \*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.  
 \*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360(180) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_\_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims \_\_\_\_\_ petition for extension of time.
- ☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 21, 2005, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on March 21, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins  
on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.